Police treatment towards students in Bangalore

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.]

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—Sir, this morning, I happened to be near the Central College and the Government Arts and Science College. Do you know what has happened in the Government Arts and Science College and later in the Central College? It is a matter of deep concern as far as the citizens of this City are concerned, particularly, the incidents that have happened in the Government Arts and Science College. I have talked to the Principal. I came to know from the students that a group of students came shouting slogans. Just because they shouted slogans, immediately Police ran after them and beat them mercilessly. Of them, 6 students have been taken to the St. Martha's Hospital and two of them are badly injured That is my information from the College staff. I was able to go to the College with difficulty. Right near the Principal's room and on the stairs, the Police have gone and beaten students mercilessly. In fact, the students wanted to get into the classes. Because of extreme provocation offered by the Police and the merciless beating by the Police, the students did not go to their classes. I was told that damage has been done both to the Senate Hall and some other departments. I admit that what has happened in the Senate Hall is not a happy thing; it is unfortunate. These things have taken place only on account of extreme provocation and merciless beating of students by the Police at the Government Arts and Science College. I very strongly wish that Govrenment views this situation seriously and not in the manner of a Government which thinks that they have got the strength of the Police force and they can do anything. The Government should take a sympathetic attitude in this matter. Students were carrying on their activities in a peaceful manner. I was able to have a talk with the College Lecturers. They stated that the students were prepared to get into the classes and some had got in. At that time, the Police came and beat them. I have obtained first-hand information about the situation and not speaking on the basis of C.I.D. information or on the basis of information furnished by a Government Officer to the Government. I have come here straight from that spot. I request that this matter should be tackled in a proper and adequate manner and not in the cavalier manner in which the Hon. Chief Minister replied yesderday. This attitude is highly detestable. The Statement of the Chief Minister was really provocative. He stated that the students have taken law and order into their own hands. He said: I will see what I can do." This high and mighty attitude will not be tolerated; it is highly condemnable. If he does not change this attitude, he will repent for his folly. The students will teach the Government a lesson

MR. SPEAKER.—I shall tell the Hon. Member what to do. As a rule, no matter can be raised in this House without prior notice.

(Interruptions)

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಮ್. ಎಸ್. ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಿ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ನಾನು 1-50 ನಿಮಿಷಕ್ಕೆ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಕೆಳಮನೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಮನೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ನಾವು ಹೇಳುವುದನ್ನು ಕೇಳಬೇಕು. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಹತ್ತಿ ಉರಿಯುತ್ತಾ ಇರುವಾಗ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾನೂನು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಿ. ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾನೂನು ಎಲ್ಲಿದೆ? ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ತಲೆಬುರುಡೆಗಳನ್ನು ಒಡೆಯುತ್ತಾ ಇರುವಾಗ ಕಾನೂನು ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅವಕಾಶ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ನಾವು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿರುವವರು ಸುಮ್ಮನೆ ಕೂತಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೇ!

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(Several members were seen standing and speaking at the same time.)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Nothing to be recorded.

(At this stage, Sri H. Siddaveerappa and some Members advanced to the dais and there was confusion and disorder in the House.)

Mr. SPEAKEA.—I adjourn the House for half-an-hour.

The House adjourned at Twenty five Minutes past Two of the Clock and reassembled at forty five Minites past Two of the Clock.

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.)

Sri D. DAYANANDA SAGAR.—You have done a disgrace.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am sorry Hon. Members have been talking in a most unconstitutional manner. Sri Dayananda Sagar says I have done a disgrace. But I should say that disgrace is done by the Hon. Members themselves. I have never seen in the history of Parliamentary democracy that the Leader of a group and his followers gheraoing the Chair. It is most unconstitutional and it should be condemned. There should be proper understanding between the Chair and the Hon. Members. Proceedings of the House will be always conducted strictly according to the rules. I should point out that notices of motions were received at 1. 50 p.m. At that time, the Hon. Deputy Speaker was engaged in conducting the Question Hour. When I came, I saw the notices on the Table. Without allowing me a single minute to go through the notices, the Hon. Members started speaking that there are burning problems. Whatever burning problems there may be, everything has to be done according to the rules. Hon. Members wanted to *gheroe* me. I am prepared for that.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I am on a point of order, Sir.

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* * * * Matter not recorded as ordered by the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER:—There is no point of order when the Speaker is standing on his legs. I am not allowing anybody to raise a point of order.

(Some Members stood up and simultaneously spoke in loud tone and refused to resume their seats)

MR. SPEAKER.—I adjourn the House now and it will meet to-morrow at 1 p. m.

The House adjourned at Fifty Minutes past Two of the Clock to meet again at One of the Clock on Friday, the 25th September, 1970.

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